

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Martin KELLER et al.

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For: METHODS FOR ISOLATING AND  
MAINTAINING CELLS USING GROWTH  
COLUMNS AND MICRODROPLET-  
ENCAPSULATION OF CELLS (AS  
AMENDED)

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Examiner: Frank Wei Min Lu, Ph.D.

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed August 2, 2007 (“the OA”), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was initially due September 2, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two (2) month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 02, 2007. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Consideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.